

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 51, 54 through 61, and 64 through 74 are pending, with Claims 51 and 61 being independent. Claims 52, 53, 62, and 63 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 51, 61, and 71 have been amended. Claims 73 and 74 have been added.

Claim 71 was objected to for a typographical matter, and has been amended as kindly suggested in the Official Action so as to obviate the grounds of objection.

Claims 51 through 72 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103 over previously-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,160,950 (Shimazaki, et al.), taken alone or in combination with newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 6,005,565 (Legall, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 51 and 61 variously recite, *inter alia*, a plurality of procedure information, each including predetermined extraction timings and predetermined extraction periods respectively corresponding to the predetermined extraction timings, the plurality of procedure information being preliminarily generated and the plurality of procedure information being respectively associated with a plurality of genre information different from each other, wherein each of the plurality of predetermined extraction timings is defined by a percentage value, with calculation of actual extraction timings based on (a) a total time of the image signal stream and (b) the procedure information, wherein the part (extracted) has a predetermined extraction period corresponding to a respective one of the predetermined extraction timings.

However, Applicant respectfully submits neither Shimazaki, et al. nor Legall, et al., even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed combinations of features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 51 and 61.

Applicant respectfully submits that Shimazaki, et al. discloses, e.g.,

- (a) a digest display portion detecting means 2 composed of speech level detecting means 3 for detecting a speech level of an audio signal (e.g., col. 3, lines 59-62), wherein the comparator 4 issues an output signal when the detected speech level is greater than the reference speech level,
- (b) that the reference level and/or the reference time can be set depending on information such as genre of the program (e.g., col. 7, lines 18-20), (c) that in a CM detecting circuit, when the audio signal is changed from monaural to stereo, a detection signal is sent out (e.g., col. 10, lines 28-30), or the CM can be detected by making use of the EPG (e.g., col. 10, line 38), wherein the time setting circuit 713 sets the time for the digest display portion to be stored, and (d) that instead of using the CM detecting circuit, a screen changeover detecting circuit 716 is provided (e.g., col. 11, lines 25-30). However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Shimazaki, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 51 and 61.

Applicant also notes that Shimazaki, et al. discloses, e.g., an embodiment wherein:

“the index image is extracted only by the time information set by the time setting input circuit 713. This is for setting the time suited to the content of the program or feature of the genre, and for example, in an action movie, the digest display

portion can be set in the ending portion of the program, or in a suspense drama, the starting portion of a program may be set as the display digest portion, and when a proper intermediate time of a program is also set, index images may be obtained only by setting the time. Of course, plural time setting portions are provided in one program.”

(e.g., col. 11, lines 40-58). However, Applicant respectfully submits that such constitutes neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant’s undersigned representative at (202) 530-1010 to schedule a personal interview.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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